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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - TECH REP SERVICES FOR BELL 212'S

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1. OF THE 212'S ONLY TWO WERE USED FOR ENTIRE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FOUR NEW 212'S HAVE ONLY BEEN IN USE FOR TWO MONTHS. HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST PERFORMANCE, WE CAN ESTIMATE 212'S WILL BE USED MINIMUM OF 320, AND PROBABLY 400 OR MORE HOURS PER YEARS. (THE TWO 212'S WERE USED 320 AND 330 HOURS RESPECTIVELY, DURING PERIOD APRIL 1973 THROUGH MARCH 1974, BUT LOST CONSIDERABLE DOWN TIME DUE TO MAINTENANCE. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD BE MINIMIZED BY PRESENCE OF TECH REP.)

2. ON MONTHLY BASIS, MAXIMUM USE FOR ONE AIRCRAFT WAS 84 HOURS; BUT AVERAGE MONTHLY USE WHEN IN SERVICE WAS ABOUT 35 TO 40 HOURS. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSURES US USE OF 212'S FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS WILL BE EVEN GREATER AND MORE EVENLY SPACED, SINCE SHIPS CAN BE USED VIRTUALLY FULL TIME GIVEN CAMPAIGNS AGAINST BOTH OPIUM AND MARIJUANA, AND IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF MEXICO AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE DOES VERY MUCH DESIRE TECH REP SERVICES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THEY BE PROVIDED

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AND THAT CONTRACT BE WRITTEN FOR FULL 12 MONTH PERIOD, IF

POSSIBLE. EXCEPT FOR RELATIVE HIATUS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, PATTERN OF USE DOES NOT APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY IRREGULAR TO WARRANT TAILORING THE CONTRACT TO OTHER THAN FULL YEAR'S SERVICE.

4. ALTHOUGH NOT PERTINENT TO THIS CASE, PATTERN OF USE FOR 206'S DURING PAST 12 MONTHS DOES GIVE SOME IDEA OF POSSIBILITIES PRESENT. THREE 206'S IN USE DURING ENTIRE 12 MONTHS FLEW 342, 406 AND 526 HOURS, RESPECTIVELY; ONE 206 IN USE FROM AUGUST 1973 THROUGH THE PRESENT FLEW 458 HOURS; AND ONE FLEW 412 HOURS FROM APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER 1973.

5. EMBASSY WILL POUCH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATISTICS TO ARA/MEX. JOVA

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